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signs that has been aroused among the students by these Catholic Evidence lectures.

Catholic graduates, are you going to overlook this opportunity? Are you content to shirk a duty and turn down a privilege?

A STATE OF FERMENTATION

One thing that is outstanding and evident to all observers is the great social unrest all over the world. If this has not been too evident, it becomes strikingly more so every day, especially in our own country.

It would have been thought that with the government projects in operation and production set in operation once more, that American society would have subsided to normal.

Some find fault with the striking workers for dissatisfaction. They feel that they should have been contented to earn something after so many months of unemployment and suffering.

Once more it is well to call attention to the Holy Father's encyclical on "The Reconstruction of the Social Order."

More and more citizens of a community are realizing the incalculable value of Catholic schools.

Current Comment

JUST ANOTHER THOUGHT

Appropos of the crusade for decency in moving pictures, we hazard the intrusion of the vitiated moral atmosphere of Cinematopia into consideration as an additional motive for the much needed reform of the entire silver screen business.

CHURCH CANNOT YIELD

The bishops of Germany are doubtless prepared to allow the present rulers to demand a suitable training for the children of the Fatherland.

"If ever cool heads and steady hands were needed at the helm of Ships of State and in the public forum which Universities provide, it is at the present hour."

In kindness there is strength. It is not as many suppose, a sign of weakness. It is a mark of that strength which is truest and best.

Statesmen are people who bravely utter single messages that wouldn't exist if there were no statesmen.

Diocesan Recordings

Holy Name men stand forth and be counted, Sunday, June 17, in Elmira.

To the graduates of Catholic grammar and high schools, we say: "What New Little Man or Little Woman?"

A news item in last week's issue of the CATHOLIC COURIER announcing that through the generosity of citizens of Phoenix, Arizona, the threatened closing of Brophy High School would not take place.

The school which is the only Catholic boys' boarding school in the state and is operated by the Jesuit Fathers was to have been closed for lack of funds to carry on.

All who have the cause of Catholic education at heart will read with interest the following reported from the baccalaureate sermon of the Rev. Gerald D. Flynn, S.J., vice president of the school who said:

"Brophy high school realizes her position in modern education as but an instrument in your intellectual and moral development."

"She has but one vital message that she wishes everyone of her pupils to carry away deeply imbedded in mind and heart. It is that ideal in their after life that inspired Mrs. Brophy and the Jesuits to throw open the doors of this school to you—fidelity to principles of Christ in private and public life."

"It is good news that Brophy High school will not be closed. If it had it would probably never have been reopened, by the Jesuits since it is the apparent policy of that order, notwithstanding its persistence and patience in pursuing its ends, not to return to the scene of a definite failure."

But Brophy school will never be a failure, and the munificence of Mrs. William H. Brophy in providing that magnificent plant will not be wasted.

Now that school time is drawing to a close greater responsibility rests upon parents to guide the children's free time.

"Columbia" national magazine of the Knights of Columbus is running a series of "Knights in the News" that is revealing.

Non-Catholics watch with interest to see how many Catholics at summer resorts miss Mass when there is no need for doing so.

The spirit of Jesus is a spirit of liberty.

The Sacred Infamy teaches us tenderness.

STRANGE BUT TRUE Catholic Facts But Little Known

By M. J. MURRAY

THE BROTHERS OF MERCY IN FLORENCE are the oldest company dedicated to works of mercy in Europe. Includes illustrations of nuns and text about the Church of Le Bourget.

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A "Commonweal" correspondent recently answered the question, "Is the practice of prayer increasing today?"

"The Catholic Church realizes that she cannot afford to be too exclusive. In the course of nineteen centuries she has made at least one great discovery: she has learned that sinners sometimes sin."

"I think it is easy to take a too diamial view of the case. Of course, the lackadaisical, take-it-or-leave-it disposition of many Catholics is a most unpleasant fact to explain, even to oneself."

The correspondent above quoted says further that "to the great mass of Catholics, mysticism is practically unknown. They consider mysticism all right for priests and religious, but 'let us be practical' is their attitude."

Regarding the second-line Catholics, Mr. Arnold Lunn has this to say in a book written while he was still a non-Catholic:

If you wish to read a masterpiece of subtle but simple rebuttal, look over Father Gillis's editorial in this issue "Catholic World".

In a new book, "Restoration," written by a convert history professor of New York University and published by Sheed and Ward in New York City, the author, Mr. Ross Hoffman, quotes with approval the following passages from

Mr. A. E. Taylor's "Recent Developments in European Thought". It is worth serious examination, especially by those who have succumbed to the prevailing heresy that the new is true and the old is false.

"If philosophy is ever to execute her supreme task, she will need to take into more serious account, not only the work of the exact sciences, but the teachings of the great masters of life."

"The half-Christian is indeed, a very useful member of society, and so long as he continues to form the backbone of a state, Christian ethics will not be challenged. Sinners will continue to sin, but they will, at least, have the decency to refrain from preaching what they practise—a much more serious offence than failing to practise what they preach."

Of course, this is meant as no sop to indifference or religious carelessness; but at least it may help us understand the possible place in the divine scheme of things for the incorrigible once-a-year communicants, horizontally-kneeling worshippers, and near-the-door standees, to say nothing of the Catholic whose life of sin gives the lie to his religious profession.

"Truth is as far removed from broad-mindedness as it is from narrow-mindedness. A mind is not true because it is broad or narrow, or even medium, but because it faithfully represents objective reality which in its turn is the mirror of the Divine Intelligence. A broad or a narrow mind, like a badly focused lens, must inevitably distort reality and so fail to find truth."

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